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**From:** Evangelista, Pat  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 21, 2016 3:24 PM  
**To:** Carpenter, Angela; Romanowski, Larisa; DiMartino, John; Pabst, Douglas; Anderson, Arlene; Maddaloni, Mark; Simon, Paul; Matthews, Joan; Magriples, Nick  
**Cc:** Singerman, Joel; Rotola, Joe; Kluesner, Dave  
**Subject:** RE: Walloomsac water

I just spoke with DOH's Nathan Graber about this. He committed to developing a fact sheet as soon as possible on private well water testing. In the interim, he requested that we forward all related inquiries to the contact information we have in our FAQs document.

- contact Albert DeMarco at 518-402-7860;
- send an email to [bee@health.ny.gov](mailto:bee@health.ny.gov);

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We may want to suggest to DOH on next week's call that they put together a fact sheet on their testing program (how they are prioritizing, areas that are/aren't included, POCs, etc.). This could be mailed to residents outside the water district.

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Thanks John.

From the town of Hoosick Falls webpage:

"The town residents outside the village reside in one of its seven hamlets of Buskirk, Eagle Bridge, Hoosick, North Hoosick, Potter Hill, Walloomsac, and West Hoosick, or in its more rural areas."

The approach that you describe does seem to be a bit different than the message that was provided to the public at last week's meeting. What I heard is that if you live in the town or village of Hoosick Falls, DOH will sample your well upon request. It sounds like they "may" sample your well, depending on your proximity to the site.

We may need to have further discussions with them because we are referring people to DOH for sampling, but it sounds like we may hear back from more people who will be told that they are not in the focus area.

I'm going to try to draft up a response to Mr. [REDACTED] and will send it around. I'm assuming our best response at this point is to indicate that we have reached out to DOH on this and that they will be following up with him again to provide more information about the process and goals of their sampling program. However, ultimately, it doesn't sound like they will be sampling his well so we may be hearing from him again.

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**From:** DiMartino, John

**Sent:** Thursday, January 21, 2016 11:47 AM

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**Cc:** Singerman, Joel; Rotola, Joe

**Subject:** RE: Walloomsac water

My comment on this =

It was my recollection that DOH said during 1 of the conference calls they would test private wells but due to limited resources and time constraints they are prioritizing the private wells ( based on where you live , how close you are to the SG mccaffrey st facility, etc.) to concentrate on the wells that are in the town of HF closest to SG mccaffrey st then working out from there...

NOTE: according to DOH there are NO private drinking water wells used for potable water in the village of HF. The village of HF is served by the municipal water supply/water district (DOH pointed out there is a rensselaer county ordinance stating that if you are in a water district on public water you cannot have a private well for potable water.)

SO = I googled this person's address. he lives 4 miles to the north of the SG mccaffrey st location , I believe he lives in the town of walloomsac , outside the village / town of HF...

His private well might be impacted by this other site he mentions , but is his private well impacted by this particular PFOA issue from SG?

THEN = I just talked to tim vickerson, DOH regional person who is working with albert demarco on the private well sampling. (Tim = 518.408.5407.)

- he confirmed what I thought = he said when they get a phone call from a resident requesting DOH test their private well: he takes down their contact info and address, then googles the address, then based on where they live he either tells them they will sample or explains to them that right now they are focused on the private wells in the town closest to the SG mccaffrey st facility and they are working out from there.
- he said more often than not , the person lives too far from the area they are focusing on right now to warrant an immediate sampling. so he tells them to be patient and thanks for their time and understanding and that he will be in contact with them in the future as they collect data and if / when they expand the sampling program outward and if the results warrant it...

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He said there was a miscommunication with mr. [REDACTED] and that I can forward him his contact info and he will get back to him to explain it better.

So = maybe EPA or DOH needs to be making this distinction RE private well testing to the public? That due to time/resources the DOH private well sampling program right now is focused on those private wells closest to SG mccauffrey st and is expanding out from there as results warrant.

John

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**Sent:** Thursday, January 21, 2016 8:53 AM

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**Subject:** RE: Walloomsac water

I just tried call DOH's Albert DeMarco at the telephone number provided in our recent FAQs. I let it ring about about 20 times before I hung up. No recording either.

**From:** Romanowski, Larisa

**Sent:** Wednesday, January 20, 2016 8:30 PM

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**Subject:** Fwd: Walloomsac water

All, please see email below from a Hoosick town resident about the DOH response to a request for private well sampling. We may need to adjust our messaging if the DOH has caveats about which areas of the town they will test. Let's discuss follow up on this tomorrow.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Date:** January 20, 2016 at 8:19:33 PM EST  
**To:** <Romanowski.Larisa@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Walloomsac water

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Dear Ms Romanowski

I am hoping that this e-mail can resolve an issue that I am having with the NYS Department of Health regarding private well testing for Hoosick town residents. A phone message left by Albert DeMarco(NYS Department of Health)states that private well testing for all residents that request it, is not the case although the US EPA stated it was.

I requested well testing from the NYS Department of Health previously. The date was 11/16/2010. The reason I requested it is simple. I take my water seriously. A superfund site known as the Alexander Schmigel Site, the NYSDEC identification number for the site is 442002. The site is located about a mile from me, in Walloomsac a little piece of the town of Hoosick. Private well testing was conducted for some but not all in the area. I paid to test my water. PFOA was not tested for in my test. Drums with chemicals were buried in that site. Some deemed hazardous,some not. Ground water testing results conducted at or near the site does not indicate that testing for PFOA was conducted.

I am asking you to conduct a brief review of the site that I mention here, and consider testing a few wells up here in Walloomsac for PFOA. If you need any further information please feel free to contact me.

Thanks

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